

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following numbered paragraphs with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0006] The inventive slider also includes lateral cross-members extending between side rails. The lateral cross-members have an inverted U-shape in one example. The lateral cross-members have tabs on opposing ends that are received in an interlocking relationship with ~~complementary~~complementary elongated slots in the longitudinal side rails. This interlocking relationship not only improves the structural rigidity of the slider, but also simplifies manufacturing of the slider by ~~improved~~better locating ~~of~~ the lateral cross-members relative to the longitudinal side rails during assembly and welding.

[0021] The control arm supports 20 are further stiffened by flanging a lightening hole 26. More specifically, a flange 28 at the hole edge is deformed to be transverse, for example at a right angle, to an adjacent surface 30 surrounding the lightening hole 26. Similarly, portions of the control arm supports 20 are ~~deformed~~defined. More specifically, portions of the control arm supports 20 are deformed to provide a ~~proude~~defined surface 32 as deformed outwardly from the surrounding adjacent surface 30. As best shown in Figure 2, the ~~proude~~defined surfaces 32 can be used in proximity to upper 34 and lower 36 attachment points, to which control arms are secured, for additional reinforcement of those regions.

[0028] The lateral cross-members 74 have opposing ends 86 that are positioned relative to the longitudinal side rails 12 with locating features. Each of the opposing ends include protrusions or short tabs 88 and long tabs 90 received in interlocking relationship with a ~~complementary~~complementary feature, such as a notch, in the longitudinal side rails 12 to provide one example of locating features. Specifically, an inside longitudinal side wall 18 includes first 92 and second 94 elongated slots. An outside longitudinal side wall 18 includes a third elongated slot 96. The short tab 88 extends through the first elongated slot. The long tab 90 extends through the second 94 and third 96 elongated slots. A weld bead 98 is arranged on the outer longitudinal side wall 18 in the area of the third elongated slot 96, shown in Figures 1, 3 and 8, to secure the lateral cross-member 74 to the longitudinal side rails 12 at the long tab 90

where it extends through the outer longitudinal side wall 18. The interlocking relationship provides additional structural rigidity and resistance to racking. Furthermore, the interlocking relationship simplifies manufacturing by enabling the longitudinal side rails 12 and lateral cross-members 74 to be located during assembly and subsequent welding.